

MEMORANDUM

January 18, 2005

TO: The Honorable Chair and Members of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida

FROM: Rudolph F. Crew, Superintendent of Schools *R.F.C.*

SUBJECT: WITHDRAWAL OF AGENDA ITEM D-5 – REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH DR. GARY FEINBERG TO SERVE AS THE EXTERNAL EVALUATOR ON THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND CRISIS MANAGEMENT GRANT

Board Item D-5 regarding the request to enter into a contractual agreement with Dr. Gary Feinberg to serve as the external evaluator on the Emergency Response and Crisis Management Grant Project has been withdrawn from the January 19, 2005, School Board meeting agenda.

Dr. Feinberg has notified the District that after further review, he has other commitments which make him unavailable to work on the project. The selection of another qualified evaluator will take place immediately and will be forwarded to the School Board for the appropriate approval.

Should you have any questions, please contact Chief Gerald L. Darling, Miami-Dade Schools Police Department at 305 754-9630.

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cc: Superintendent's Cabinet
School Board Attorney

School Police and District Security
Gerald L. Darling, Chief of Police

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COMMITTEE: SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILTY

Authorization is requested to enter into a contractual agreement between Miami-Dade County Public Schools and Dr. Gary Feinberg for external evaluation services throughout the course of the Emergency Response and Crisis Management grant project.

At the November 17, 2004, School Board meeting, the Board voted to accept a grant award from the United States Department of Education (USDOE) for funding to improve and strengthen school Emergency Response and Crisis Management (ERCM) plans. The grant application submitted by the District presented a comprehensive plan inclusive of initiatives geared to better preparing, responding, mitigating, preventing, and recovering from critical incidents. The application identified Dr. Feinberg, a Criminologist with a PhD in Sociology, as a local evaluator with expertise specific to the project.

The services to be provided by Dr. Feinberg include:

- provide instruments, checklists and surveys; interpret evaluation design to staff; provide data collection protocols; monitor data; and
- contribute to the final project report

The Professional Services Contract Committee, established by School Board Rule 6Gx-13- 3F-1.021, reviewed this contractual agreement on January 12, 2005, and recommended that an exception to the rule regarding bids or Request For Proposals be granted as otherwise determined by the Committee.

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The contract with Dr. Feinberg will not exceed \$10,000, and will be fully funded by the grant award.

**D-5
ITEM WITHDRAWN
(1/18/05)**

RECOMMENDED:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida authorize the Superintendent to:

1. enter into a contractual agreement with Dr. Gary Feinberg to serve as the external evaluator on the United States Department of Education (USDOE) Emergency Response and Crisis Management Grant Project, at an amount not to exceed \$10,000, for the contract period of January 19, 2005, through June 30, 2006;
2. extend this contractual agreement as authorized through official notification from the USDOE, in order to complete the goals of the program at no cost to the District; and
3. grant an exception to School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021

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